for motor cars registered in the State and to exempt such cars from paying tolls;

(*b*) whether the Municipalities of Ernakulam, Mattancheri and British Cochin have put definite proposals before Government regarding the above?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) & (*b*) No.

CYCLONE RELIEF—REDUCTION OF TAX ON GARDENS, ETC.

145. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it is aware that there will be no income from the cocoanut and arecanut gardens for a substantial portion of the coming year due to cyclone;

(*b*) whether Government are aware that a large number of arecanut trees and cocoanut trees have fallen in the last cyclone;

(*c*) whether for the reasons stated in clauses (*a*) and (*b*), Government will be pleased to grant a substantial reduction in the collection of land tax for arecanut and cocoanut gardens during the year 1117; and

(*d*) whether for the reasons stated in clauses (*a*) and (*b*) Government will be pleased to postpone the payment of Land Mortgage Bank dues by one year?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) It is apprehended that due to the cyclone there will be a reduction of income from the affected cocoanut and arecanut gardens next year.

(*b*) A number of trees have fallen.

(*c*) The matter is receiving the best consideration of Government. The necessary data are being collected.

(*d*) The properties mortgaged to the Bank are being inspected to ascertain the extent of damages with a view to consider whether any relief has to be given.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO MUNICIPALITIES IN 1113, 1114 AND 1115

146. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will Government be pleased to state. —

(*a*) what amount has been spent by Government by way of contribution or otherwise in the Municipalities of

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(*i*) Ernakulam,
(*ii*) Trichur,
(*iii*) Mattancheri,
(*iv*) Irinjalakkuda,
(*v*) Chittur, and
(*vi*) Tattamangalam

in the years 1113, 1114 and 1115 ;

(*b*) what is the population of these Municipal towns;

(*c*) what is the annual income of these Municipalities in the years 1113, 1114 and 1115?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*:

(*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) A statement containing the information is appended. *(Appendix II)*

KAMBALATHARA ERI—REPAIRS TO

147. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) was there not a proposal recently to repair the Kambalathara Eri in Chittur Taluk;

(*b*) is it to supplement the supply of water to the lands under the Moolathura system in which the Eri is situate;

(*c*) will it not be a feeder directly to Thembaramadakku system and indirectly by percolation to the Kunnamkattupathi system;

(*d*) have not these systems of late been adversely affected by the improvement of the Moolathara system;

(*e*) how many acres of lands will get two wettings at least during the scarcity of rain and want of water in the river by the proposed improvement to the Eri;

(*f*) at what stage the improvement proposed stands at present;

(*g*) why is it not taken up in hand at once and made use of for helping the unemployed labourers in these hard times?

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APPENDIX II

(Please see answer to question No. 146)

Institution	Population as per 1941 Census (Gazette dated 9 - 11—1116)	1115		1114		1113	
		Government contribution	Ordinary receipts (Income)	Government contribution	Ordinary receipts (Income)	Governmet contribution	Ordinary receipts (Income)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1. Ernakulam ..	47,000	8,951	2,03,069	14,863	1,71,752	6,598	1,60,658
2. Trichur ..	57,000	10,800	2,58,010	10,972	2,12,970	8,322	1,76,718
3. Mattancheri ..	53,000	4,203	1,61,702	4,371	1,60,260	7,846	1,28,819
4. Irinjalakkuda ..	17,000	4,224	36,641	4,328	32,434	6,052	19,348
5. Chittur ..	13,000	3,236	33,512	3,095	31,341	4,427	46,694*
6. Tattamangalam ..	8,000	1,431	15,971	1,431	12,968		

* Bifurcation of Chittur and Tattamangalam effected only from 1st Chingam 1114.